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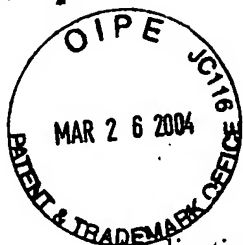
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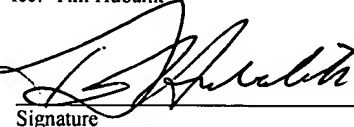
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3. Form PTO/SB/08A citing 4 references;
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